

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in the application. Claims 18-28 were withdrawn from consideration. In the Office Action, Claims 1 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0167677 A1 to Bitzer; Claims 2 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bitzer in view of US Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0072347 A1 to Dunko et al.; and Claims 4-6 and 9-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bitzer in view of US Patent No. 6,023,714 to Hill et al. Claims 7-8 and 13-15 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but found otherwise allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Claims 16-17 are allowed.

The Office Action also indicated that the Oath/Declaration is missing. In response, enclosed herewith is a copy of the Declaration from the inventor.

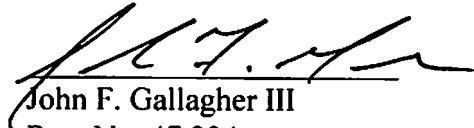
In response to the rejections of the claims, each claim was rejected in view of Bitzer, either alone or in combination with another reference. Enclosed herein is a Rule 131 Declaration that antedates Bitzer by establishing conception of the invention of the pending application prior to the filing date of Bitzer coupled with due diligence from prior to said date to the filing of Korean Patent Application No. 2002-55944.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Bitzer must be withdrawn as a reference and all rejections based thereon must also be withdrawn. Based on at least the foregoing, Claims 1-6, 9-12, and 29 are believed to be in allowance. Claims 16-17 have been allowed and allowable subject matter has been found in Claims 7-8 and 13-15.

Accordingly, each pending elected claim in the Application, namely, Claims 1-17 and 29, is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or

personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

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